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1. POPULAR DAILY "GUNAYDIN" JUNE 19, COMMENTING ON US
SENATE FLOOR ACTION ON FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL, SAID:
"THE US SENATE HAS AGAIN REJECTED THE RATIFICATION OF THE
DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY." "GUNAYDIN" ARTICLE
ALSO SAID SENATE "TURNED DOWN" SALE OF FORTY F-4 AIRCRAFT
TO GOT, BUT APPROVED \$225 MILLION IN MILIARY AID FOR TURKEY
(SIC) AND \$175 MILLION FOR GREECE. ALSO, LEFTIST DAILY
"CUMHURIYET" JUNE 19 CARRIED ANKARA NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH
SAID US SENATE "REJECTED" DCA AND F-4 SALE AND QUOTED
UNNAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT THIS
DECISION OULD CAUSE US-TURKISH RELATIONS TO DETERIORATE
EVEN FURTHER. ACCORDING TO "CUMHURIYET" REPORT, MFA
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OFFICIAL ALSO COMPLAINED ABOUT SENATE ACTION TO PROVIDE
CYPRUS WITH \$15 MILLION IN AID.

2. IN RELATED NEWS, MOST PAPERS JUNE 18 AND 19 NOTE THAT
GREECE HAS CONCLUDED CONTRACT WITH MCDONNEL-DOUGLAS FOR
TWENTY-FOUR F-4 AIRCRAFT.

3. FINALLY, NEWLY-ELECTED REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)
DEPUTY FROM BALIKESIR, RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL IRFAN
OZAYDINLI, SAID IN INTERVIEW REPORTED BY "CUMHURİYET" AND
LIBERAL DAILY "MILLİYET" THAT TURKISH NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS BEEN
HARMED AS MUCH BY PM DEMIREL AS BY THE US ARMS EMBARGO.
OZAYDINLI ALSO SAID THAT THE CLOSURE OF US BASES (IN JULY
1975) WAS NOT EFFECTIVE AND THAT OPERATIONS AT THEM HAVE
CONTINUED. HE FURTHER ARGUED THAT TURKEY MUST "TAKE MEASURES"
ON BASIS THAT US EMBARGO WILL BE MAINTAINED, E.G., BY
BUILDING NATIONAL ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY AND BY FINDING OTHER
SOURCES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SUCH MEASURES, OZAYDINLI
SAID, WOULD ENABLE TURKEY TO MAINTAIN ITS PLACE IN "EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION". HE ENDORSED FORMATION OF LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC
REGIME (PRESUMABLY RPP) WHICH WILL KEEPP TURKEY IN EUROPE.
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